



# Building Bridges

## INITIATIVE

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*Advancing Partnerships. Improving Lives.*

# Mission

The mission of the Building Bridges Initiative is to identify and promote practice and policy initiatives that will create strong and closely coordinated partnerships and collaborations between families, youth, community- and residentially-based treatment and service providers, advocates and policymakers to ensure that comprehensive services and supports are family-driven, youth-guided, strength-based, culturally and linguistically competent, individualized, evidence and practice-informed, and consistent with the research on sustained positive outcomes.



# Core Values

- Respect for all
- Embrace family driven & youth guided care
- Funding approaches that support family unity
- Services/Supports that are holistic and flexible
- Commitment to the support of community-based services that will decrease the need for residential care
- Recognize the value of relationship based approaches

# Core Principles

- Family Driven & Youth Guided Care
- Cultural & Linguistic Competence
- Clinical Excellence & Quality Standards
- Accessibility & Community Involvement
- Transition Planning & Services
- Effective Workforce Development
- Assessment, Evaluation & Continuous Quality Improvement



# Key Points

- Initiated in November 2005
- Developed a Joint Resolution
- Developed additional tools to use with the Joint Resolution
- 3 National Building Bridges Summits
- Joint Resolution endorsed by at least 60 different organizations/agencies

# What does it mean....Endorse?



Commit to integrating the values  
and principles of the Joint  
Resolution within their respective  
environments to the best of their  
abilities and resources.

# **Building Bridges Summit III**

- Successful Building Bridges Initiatives
- Implementation tools and strategies utilized in present Building Bridges Initiatives
- Action planning for future Building Bridges implementation sites

# KY Team

- Mike Cheek – DCBS, SIAC Member
- Lynne Flynn – Medicaid, SIAC Member
- Allie Rigsby – Youth Leader, SIAC Member
- Barb Greene – Parent Leader
- David Graves – Brooklawn
- Karen Hamilton – Sunrise
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